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Title: Need to start work on Ahmedabad-Dandi route (National Highway No. 228), declared as a 'Heritage Route'.

SHRI P.S. GADHAVI (KUTCH): The Government of India has declared Ahmedabad-Dandi route as National Highway No. 228 on 1st June 2006. The total length of this route is 386 Km, out of which 345 Km length is existing road and length of 41 Km is a missing link. It is urgently required to construct road in missing link as well as widening of existing single lane road. As this route is to be developed as "Heritage Route" the road should be of at least National Highway Standards and requires widening/strengthening/renewal, construction of new road in place of missing link, construction of bridges/culverts/CD works including major bridges on rivers Mahi, Narmada and Tapi. The State Government has already conveyed the consent for transfer of State road on the Dandi Route to Government of India.

I urge upon the Central Government to start the scheme immediately, in time bound, planned manner to ensure timely completion with adequate provision of funds for the scheme.